

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, VS

SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO HIS EXCELLENCY NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE RE-  
PUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CONFIRMATION OF NELSON  
ROCKEFELLER AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR  
THOUGHTFULNESS IN WRITING AND YOUR WARM WORDS OF ENCOURAGE-  
MENT.

MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU MY AD-  
MIRATION FOR THE WAY YOUR COUNTRYMEN ARE RESISTING NORTH  
VIETNAMESE ATTACKS. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO  
SUPPORT YOU AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN YOUR VALIANT  
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STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

2. THE ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE, BUT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION IF GVN WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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## Message Attributes

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